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April 18, 2005

Honorable James H. Welsh
Commissioner of Conservation
State of Louisiana
Post Office Box 44275
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-4275

Re: APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC HEARING.

Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A, ELM GROVE
FIELD, Bossier Parish, Louisiana.

Dear Sir:

J-W OPERATING COMPANY ("Applicant") hereby respectfully applies for a public hearing to consider evidence relative to the issuance of an Order pertaining to the following matters relating to the Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A, in the Elm Grove Field, Bossier Parish, Louisiana:

1. To authorize Applicant to drill, designate and utilize a substitute unit well for CV RA SU81 at the location shown on the attached plat.
2. To find that the proposed substitute unit well is necessary to efficiently and economically drain a portion of the Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A, underlying CV RA SU81 which cannot be efficiently and economically drained by any existing well on such unit.
3. To designate Applicant as operator of CV RA SU81.
4. To discuss such other matters as may be pertinent to this application.

The Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A, in the Elm Grove Field, Caddo, Webster, Bossier and Bienville Parishes, Louisiana, was defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 361-B, effective October 1, 1973, and was further defined in subsequent Orders of the 361-B series of Orders.

Pertinent data concerning this application is available for inspection at the offices of Mr. Joe B. Adams, 9141 Interline Avenue, Suite 3A, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70809. Any person wishing to inspect such data should call Mr. Adams at (225) 929-6097, during normal business hours in order to arrange a date and time for such inspection. A copy of any such data which is not

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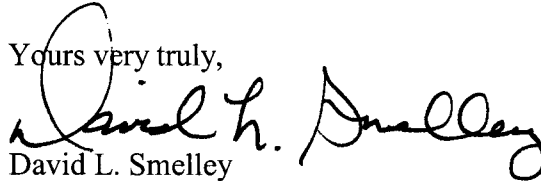
otherwise available at the Office of Conservation can be obtained from Applicant at the expense of the requesting party.

As provided by the Revised Rules of Procedure, the subject matter of this application does not require the issuance of a pre-application notice; therefore, no such notice has been issued.

Pursuant to the aforesaid Rules of Procedure, Applicant has made a reasonable effort to obtain the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties to whom notice of this application is being sent and has attached hereto a list of the names and addresses of such parties. A copy of this letter, and of the attached plat, is being sent to the District Manager of the Shreveport District of the Office of Conservation and to the Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties, as shown on the attached list.

Applicant will provide for posting of a copy of the Legal Notice of this hearing and the enclosed plat at a prominent place in the area affected and will cause publication of the Legal Notice in a newspaper published in the general area of Elm Grove Field, all in accordance with the Revised Rules of Procedure. Furthermore, Applicant will mail a copy of the Legal Notice to all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties promptly upon receipt of the Legal Notice from the Commissioner.

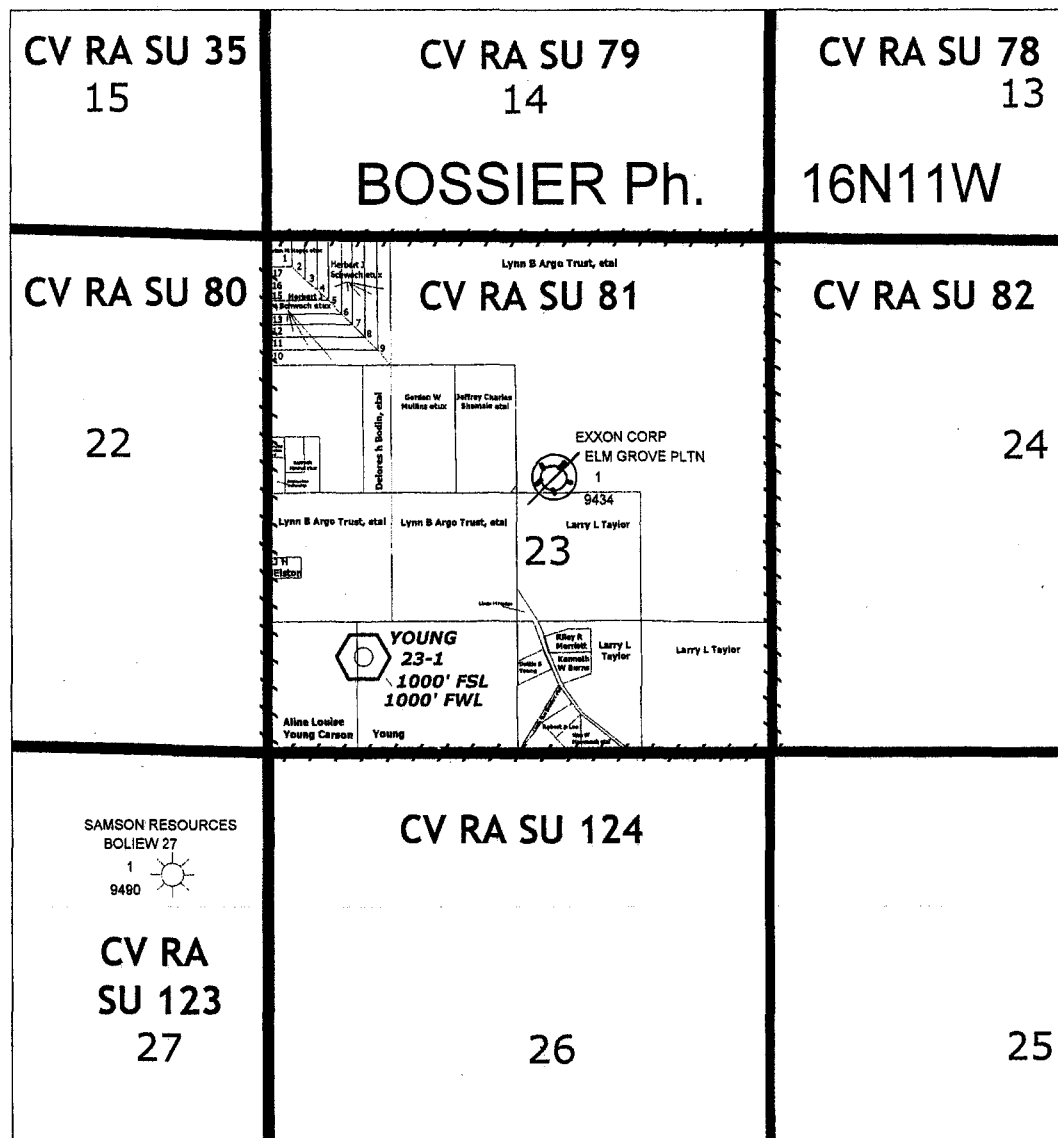
A check payable to the Office of Conservation and covering the application fee is enclosed.

Yours very truly,

David L. Smelley

-- Attorney for J-W Operating Company

DLS:dp
Enclosures

cc: Mr. Jim Broussard (w/encls.)
Mr. Jerry Wooten (w/encls.)
Mr. Joe B. Adams (w/encls.)
Interested Owners, Represented
Parties and Interested Parties (w/plat only)



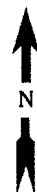
LEGEND

— Existing Units 361-B series

⊕ Proposed Substitute Unit well

⊙ Unit Well

Posted Wells > 8300'



J-W OPERATING COMPANY		
Unit Plat - Cotton Valley Formation Reservoir "A" Elm Grove Field Bossier Ph. La.		
DATE:	Witness: Joe Adams	Docket No.
Exhibit 1	Scale: 1" = 2000'	05-??

